





## EDITORIAL



"A special session of the Alabama legislature will begin February 26 to help bring thousands of new jobs to Alabama and help the state get the lowest possible interest rate on money it will borrow for school construction." Those are the words in a news release from the office of Governor Bob Riley. The Democrat caucus of the House is on record as opposing the timing of the special session. Both sides rely on basic facts in their reasoning, the "correct" position is based on which side a person favors politically. Riley is concerned that the bond issue votes will get crossed up with other issues and even held hostage for the governor's support of other matters. The opponents probably quietly agree and want that power but their announced opposition is that they have plenty of time during the regular session to break and handle this matter, and it would be cheaper legislative expense on the taxpayers. That too is correct. Now that Riley has called the session anyway, it will be interesting to see if power politics wins out over a popular idea of getting necessary funding for the new industry for Alabama. At least one Democrat, Representative Billy Beasley from Barbour County, has already come out strongly supporting the special session for an industrial bond issue. Billy is a brother to plaintiff lawyer and former Lt. Governor Jerry Beasley. His wife Rebecca is a former mayor of Clayton.

An important e-mail arrived on Monday. Someone claiming to be the North Alabama Educators Credit Union (Huntsville) informed us of a problem with our account. They need our personal banking information "without delay." Now it would be ugly to let the people who sent that to us as a bunch of crooks - but... as many of you know we "ain't" school teachers and "ain't" never lived or worked in Huntsville or anywhere in North Alabama. Maybe staying at a certain motel in Huntsville several times during conventions and/or going on what was labeled a "VIP Press Tour" of the space center qualified us as members. Then some sweet person opened a bank account in our name. Do you really believe that? We didn't swallow it either. These scam messages are saved in a special file on our computer and this makes 25 such message received at this one e-mail address since the first of the year. It might claim to be a well known bank, one never heard of, PayPal (used by folks making e-bay purchases), credit unions or about various credit cards. They must get some suckers because the scam efforts keep coming. We read recently that if one out of a hundred gives the requested information, these con artists can get rich.

It was a shock last week that upon checking our favorite peanut butter jar that we had some of the lot blamed for the salmonella outbreaks around the nation. In fact the jar was half empty and Saturday while unloading some jars, etc. at recycle, the last one was also from that "bad" batch. Even though we very clearly didn't get sick from eating it thus far, there is no need to tempt the devil. The balance of the 2111 coded peanut butter will definitely not be eaten at our house. It is a shame to waste good food, but better than letting salmonella poison have another shot at our intestines.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, investigated the following incidents: two for theft of property, one for an abandoned vehicle, one for domestic violence, one for harassment and one for sexual abuse.

The following arrests were made: four for failure to appear. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding and one for no seat belt.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, FEB. 12 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to 741 Smith Ave. (8:00 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Hickman Ave. (8:46 p.m.).

TUESDAY, FEB. 13 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a structure fire at 630 Jackson St. (12:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 9768 Hwy. 134 (7:01 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 189 N. (7:28 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at 571 King Circle (11:50 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1464 Reese Ave. (4:18 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 731 West St. (4:14 p.m.); Two vehicle wreck reported at Hwy. 87 N. and County Rd. 342 (4:27 p.m.); Burglary reported at 76 County Rd. 368 (9:50 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck near 3577 County Rd. 215 (10:05 p.m.).

THURSDAY, FEB. 15 - Disturbance (disorderly person) reported at the package store on the 204 Bypass (7:10 p.m.).

FRIDAY, FEB. 16 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a fire on County Rd. 215 (10:06 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the fire on County Rd. 215 as mutual aid for the Zion Chapel Fire Department (10:08 a.m.).

SATURDAY, FEB. 17 - Disturbance (noise) reported at the old Mulberry School (12:45 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a woods fire at 650 County Rd. 263 as mutual aid for the New Brockton Fire Department (11:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 650 County Rd. 263 (11:58 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Jackson St. (4:19 p.m.).

SUNDAY, FEB. 18 - Disturbance (subjects arguing) reported at the Whitman Apts. (12:06 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 74 County Rd. 263 (10:04 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1826 Woodland Dr. (7:33 p.m.).

## Wildflowers Florist &amp; Gifts

Come by and browse our new collection of Richburg Pottery Hand made by local artisans Lee & Harriette Boyd and Lucia Grantham

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Linda,

I enjoy history, not only Black History but all history. I hope one day black history will be a part of the every day school subjects, then their will be no need for a black history month.

Blacks have helped shape this nation in every way possible. A lot of blood was shed, lives were lost, but they just kept on trucking, singing "ain't gonna let nobody turn us around."

As Black History Month comes to a close, I would like to spotlight Dr. Bobby Bullard (Please see biography information below).

Winnell Gray

**Dr. Bobby Bullard**  
Professor Clark-Atlanta University  
Founder and Director,  
Environmental Justice  
Resource Center

Robert D. Bullard was born to Myrtle and Nehemiah Bullard in Elba, Ala., the fourth of five children.

He began his academic career at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, where he majored in history and government with a minor in sociology. He received his Master's degree from Clark-Atlanta University and his Ph.D. from Iowa State University.

Robert D. Bullard is Ware

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# LIFESTYLES

## LBW Community College to host Health Fair on Friday, February 23

LBW Community College will host a Health Fair in the Conference Center on the MacArthur Campus, Friday, February 23, 2007 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The Health Fair is FREE and open to the public. Health related services available include: vital signs, pulse oximetry, finger stick blood sugar, dental hygiene and nutrition. Please note: fasting is suggested for the blood sugar check. Snacks will be provided after the screening.

## Understanding College Financial Aid Technology

Apply for college financial aid and you may be confused about the many terms. Dr. Chip Quisenberry, Financial Aid Director at Enterprise-Ozark Community College, and his staff stand ready to help applicants wade through the jargon confusion. Meanwhile, here are a few helpful definitions to guide the way.

A financial need refers to the difference between the student's available resources (from parents, savings, summer jobs, etc.) and the cost of attending the selected college or university. The process of determining that need is often called "need analysis."

The family contribution refers to what finances are considered reasonable to expect from the student (and spouse if married) as well as from parents if the student is a dependent.

Dependent students are those who are under the age of 24, not married, have no legal dependents, are not veterans, and are not orphaned.

A grant is a gift and does not have to be repaid. A loan, however, must be repaid according to the repayment provisions of the lending institution's loan program.

Scholarships are also gifts. They are usually awarded for merit or academic achievement. The work/study program provides jobs for students at the college, thus allowing students to earn a part of their educational costs.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a free form distributed by the U. S. Department of Education. It

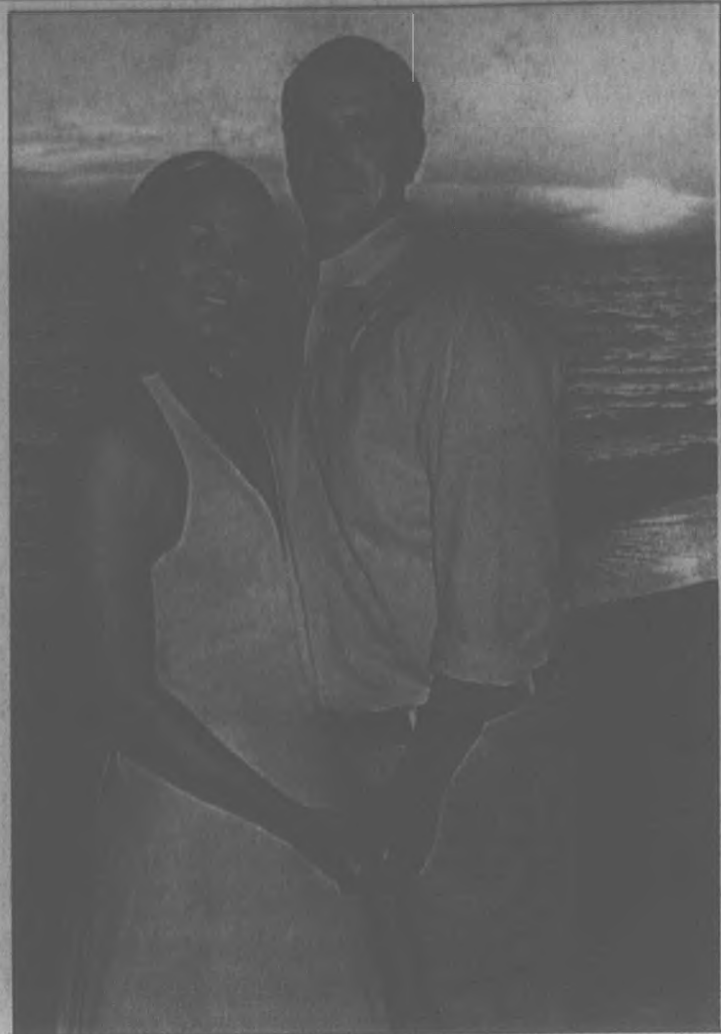
is used to determine a student's need for federal financial aid. To apply online, students should go first to [www.finaid.gov](http://www.finaid.gov) or <http://www.finaid.gov> to request a Title IV PIN (personal identification number) in order to "sign" the applications electronically. Second, students go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> to apply. Applications also may be obtained by calling (334) 347-2623, ext. 2214. The school code (item #86 on the FAFSA) for EOC is 001015.

The Student Aid Report (SAR) is the information from the FAFSA sent to EOC to notify the Financial Aid staff of the results of the need analysis.

The State of Alabama offers financial aid programs. Students should go online to [www.ache.state.al.us/StudentAssist/Programs.htm](http://www.ache.state.al.us/StudentAssist/Programs.htm) for descriptions and values, application requirements, and information on how to apply.

Special scholarships available to EOC students come from The EOC Foundation. Descriptions of these scholarships are available in the college's catalog which is available online at [www.eoc.edu](http://www.eoc.edu) or <http://www.eoc.edu>.

For more information about financial aid, call Dr. Quisenberry at (334) 347-2623, ext. 2214.



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Reeves Brookins

## Brookins-Belcher wedding ceremony held at Panama City Beach, Florida

Emily LeAnne Belcher and Adam Reeves Brookins were united in marriage at 5:30 p.m. on September 30, 2006, with a beach side ceremony at Panama City Beach, Fla. Fred Campbell officiated the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are John and Gilda Belcher of Troy, Tom and Judy Melo of Elba, and Charles and Cynthia Brookins of Dothan.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Serving as maid of honor was Laura Belcher of Troy, sister of the bride. Best man was Christy McDaniel of New Brockton, sister of the groom.

The couple honeymooned in Biloxi, Mississippi, and now reside in Troy.

## Miss Wambles and Mr. Wise to be united in marriage Saturday, February 24 at Ino Baptist Church

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Wambles of Kinston are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Samantha Megan Wambles, to Jonathan Bruce Wise of Kinston.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley of Kinston and Shirley Wambles of Opp, and the late Mr. Bill Wambles of Opp.

She is the great-granddaughter of Pauline Stanley of Kinston and Mr. Riley Duhose of Opp. She is a 2004 graduate of Kinston High School. Miss Samantha will be graduating in May from Wallace with a degree in science as a physical therapist assistant.

The prospective groom is the son of Susie Flournoy of Opp and Mr. Mack "Tad" Wise of Jack, Ala.

He is the grandson of Mrs. Louise Lanier of Andalusia, the late Mr. James Carter of Elba, and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Wise of Straughn.

He is currently employed by Molded Fiber Glass Company in Opp. A 5:00 ceremony will take place March 24 at Ino Baptist Church followed with a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Wambles. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Beauty Pagesants to be held at Zion Chapel School on March 31

The deadline to enter the 2007 Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel Pagesants is Friday, February 23, 2007. Contestants/parents should refer to the packet information on to whom to turn registration papers and fees. For more information, call 897-2287 after 6:00 p.m. The pagesants are sponsored by Altura, International, Inc., of Jack, Alabama and will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007.

Elba Elementary School Menu	
February 26-March 2, 2007	
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk	
Tuesday - Pancakes/Synup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	
Wednesday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	
Thursday - Biscuits/Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice	
<b>LUNCH</b>	
Monday - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn on Cob, Applesauce, Milk	
Tuesday - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Salad, Green Beans, 1/2 Orange, Milk	
Wednesday - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk	
Thursday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Roll, 1/2 Apple, Milk	
Friday - Barbecue, Rice, Fried Squash, Bread, Banana, Milk	

Deadline For Social & Church News Is Monday!

WILLIE JAMES AND RUBY LEE WALKER celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 17th. Pastore Leven had the duty of bringing them to a surprise party at the Olde South Inn in Elba. The party was arranged by their children and was attended by many relatives and friends. The Walkers are the proud parents of six daughters: Barbara (Buffy) Tillis, Christine Weston, Christalisa (Larry) Seymore, Resia (Cecil) Haywood, Wanda Walker, and Molley (Jeffrey) Melton. They have twelve grandchildren: Fabreka and Marcus Tillis, Eric, Dannie, and Michelle Weston, Brandi Walker, Christalisa and Nicole Gilmore, Adrienne Haywood, Henderson Baker, III, and Brittany and Kaci Melton. They have one great grandchild: Arianna Pruitt.



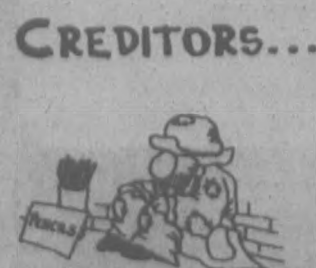
SOME TIME BACK, MRS. EDITH CALHOUN OF ELBA saw an illustration of Christmas ornaments in a "Country Woman" magazine, and she decided to send samples of crocheted ornaments she had created. After several months passed and she had forgotten submitting the ornaments, Mrs. Calhoun received a phone call one day from Michelle Brit of Reiman Publications. Mrs. Calhoun agreed for her ornaments to appear in the publication, "Country Woman Christmas, 2007." After completing paperwork for the publication, she received a check for \$75. Mrs. Calhoun is shown above with her check and a decorative tree filled with her crocheted ornaments. Her family and friends cherish the ornaments she has given them because they know they will be future heirlooms.

## Crawdadd Festival set for Saturday, February 24th in Ozark

The "Lower Alabama Crawdadd Festival", sponsored by the Ozark Department of Leisure Services, will be held at Eage Stadium on Saturday,

March 24, 2007 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

By: Rev. Stanley Carter  
Minister of Elba United Methodist Church

## Just like a baby.....

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THE DISTRICT MATRON: Mrs. Esile Dubose, guest speaker, and African American Men and Women in Hats, Saturday, February 24, 2007 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Mulberry District Association Building, Hwy 84 West, Elba, Ala. Rev. W. L. Person is the moderator and St. Mary Robinson is the president.

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Today is a good day! Be grateful.

CHURCH Youth Revival will be held Sunday, March 11-Tuesday, March 13. The Sunday service will begin at 6 p.m. and all other services will begin at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Min. Dominique Daniels, Destiny Church, Dothan, Ala. All churches are invited to attend.

Rev. Dominique Daniels was born May 22, 1977, in Elba, to Clinton and Margaret Daniels. Rev. Daniels graduated Elba High School in 1995 and attended Troy State University. In May 2006 Rev. Daniels accepted his call into the ministry and was licensed by Rev. C. A. Hammond Jr. at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church. He is now on staff at Destiny Church, Dothan, Ala. Rev. Daniels now resides in Enterprise with his wife Jamelle and three sons, Nible, Isaiah, and Jediah.

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Bible study is taught to adults in Spanish. English classes are

also available at the church. For more information, call 894-6411.

Shown in the photo are some of the children at Faith Community Church and leaders dispersed throughout are: Brenda Hemp, Kaye Clark, Jared Buchanan, Kerry Mitchell, & Reverend Arthur Emfinger.

## Church Directory

<p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH</b> SAMSON, ALA. Rev. Richard Thorne, Sr. Pastor Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Nathan Carroll, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Eliel Phillips-Casper, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Tue. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Discipline Training.....5:30 p.m. Even. Worship.....9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>BILLY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Tom Seem, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST</b> Rev. Martha Rector Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays.....10:00 a.m. Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Sundays.....10:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays.....10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> E. R. Hill, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Service.....6:00 a.m. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Mark Gray, Pastor Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Fellowship.....9:45 a.m. Worship.....9:45 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities).....6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Hubert McWaters Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Clifford Matthews-Interim Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Discipline Training.....5:00 p.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study.....8:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evangelistic Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> Rev. David Tadlock Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Night.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Alvin Richards, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00</p>
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# SCHOOLS

## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Ashton Rodriguez  
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### EES fourth graders gain "hands-on" experience through history lesson

by Sydney Brunson

This week's Student Spotlight focuses on Elba High School's own Jesse Oglesby. He is the 17-year-old son of Greg and Arlene Oglesby.

Jesse enjoys hanging with friends, eating, watching TV and taking care of his pet lizard, Dyno. After graduation, Jesse plans to further his career in the National Guard.

When asked how to describe himself, he said, "artistic."

### PTO holds drug awareness program

by Sydney Brunson

On Monday, Feb. 12, Elba Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) held their monthly meeting. Besides the usual agenda, parents and teachers were treated to the sounds of the 5th and 6th grade bands and some special guests.

School Resource Officer Dean Blair and Narcotics Officer Tony Harrison conducted a program on drug awareness. The program was for 4th-6th grade children, who are participating in D.A.R.E., and their parents; however, anyone interested was encouraged to stay.

The program was a great opportunity for parents and kids to both learn about the dangers of drugs and how drug use and abuse affects families. The main subject of concern and discussion was the national epidemic, methamphetamine, and its prominence in this area.

Officer Harrison displayed many of the ingredients in "meth" and passed around pho-

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# SCHOOLS

## FROM THE COCKPIT

### New Brockton High School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney • Kristine Fitzgerald, Editor & Kendall Persin, Assistant Editor

### Student validates studying a foreign language

Editorial by Amy Hill

How many of you walk into your Spanish Class with the thought roaming in your head, "Why do I have to learn this? I'll never even use it."

To tell you the truth, students who are learning a foreign language have better chances of getting into a university.

Several studies show that people who are competent in more than one language outscore those who are speakers of only one language on tests of verbal and nonverbal intelligence. Some studies show that students who are sufficiently exposed to two languages at an early age are more adaptable and resourceful than those who are not.

Studies also show that learning another language improves the academic skills of students by increasing their abilities in reading, writing and mathematics. Studies of bilingual students made by scholars and linguists consistently prove that these children understand certain linguistic concepts faster and earlier than children who only speak one language.

And there are even more benefits. Other studies have shown that students in the foreign language classes boost their overall academic achievement significantly.

When students begin a continuous exposure to foreign language from kindergarten they typically exceed national averages in all subjects by the time they reach fifth grade. Oddly enough, the foreign language students also performed really well in mathematics. Maybe it's because they are used to using higher-level thinking, and are able to actually apply the concepts.

Advice: Give & Take

by Nicole Reynolds

Teenagers are always being given advice, whether they want it or not. Parents, teachers, pastors and anybody else older seem to constantly advise teenagers about what they should or shouldn't do. Although most times teens don't pay much mind to all that wonderful advice, there are times when they actually do the best advice listen. Believe it or not, sometimes they do appreciate and even use that advice.

Vanessa Stuckey (10th) - "Live life with no regrets cause there may not be a tomorrow."

Anna Beth Sawyer (10th) - "Kill them with kindness" (that should make you smile mom.). "If you don't stand for anything then you will fall for nothing."

Kayla Farnon (10th) - "Sometimes it's better to lose because you learn more from losing, but no matter what the outcome always go out with a smile." (Thanks mom!)

Ashley Horton (10th) - "Live life to the fullest because you never know when it's going to end. Treat others like you want to be treated because it WILL come back on you."

Erica Locklin (10th) - "My Grandpa told me that when riding a horse the hardest thing is the ground. Also, if someone takes time to talk about you, take it as a compliment. They took time out of their lives to think about you."

Brittney Eubanks (10th) - "My sister says the only way to have a friend is to be one."

Coach Boyd: "Shut up and be quiet. Education is a lifelong process. Don't waste the opportunity."



# SPORTS

Views From....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The girls at the Mularz home have always received a balloon and a stuffed animal from Dad for Valentine's Day, and last week I was wondering what would happen since Melissa was living in Troy and I didn't know how to get her gifts to her apartment. Well, the problem was solved when she called and reported she was heading home for the afternoon and had plans for the family to go out to dinner. Sure enough, she came home, we went out to dinner, and afterwards she gathered up her animal and balloon and headed back to college. I guess the girls have Feb. 14 figured out!

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The spring sports season has started at Elba High and both the baseball and softball teams have a busy schedule ahead as they work toward a possible post-season berth. The Tiger baseball team has a 34-game schedule that includes 14 double-headers, while the Tiger JV team has a 26-game slate that includes 10 double-headers and two tournaments. Over in softball, the varsity and junior varsity teams will play together as they split 13 double-headers, while the varsity will also compete in three tournaments and the junior varsity will compete in one tournament. If my math is correct the Elba Tiger baseball teams will play in a minimum of 60 games, while the softball teams will take the field for at least 43 games. I guess the parents of the players won't have to wonder what their kids are doing for the next two months.

\*\*\* Taking an early look at the Tigers and Lady Tigers, I can't help but believe both teams might struggle a bit in the upcoming season. The Tigers have only one starting pitcher back from a year ago and must find some arms that can go out and throw in 34 games. At the plate the team may be strong and should be able to produce some runs. However, the key to a winning season will definitely be whether or not the Elba pitchers can get the job done on an almost daily basis. The Lady Tigers will also be young at the pitching position and won't have a lot of experience back from last year's squad, but many of the girls played travel ball throughout the summer and hopefully that experience will pay some dividends.

\*\*\* The high school regional basketball tournaments are underway this week at four sites across the state, and at Troy there will be a lot of local interest as several area teams hit the court hoping to advance to the Final Four. When the tournament started back on Monday it included boys teams from Enterprise, Andalusia, Abbeville, Calhoun, Geneva, Luverne, Barbour County, Georgiana, Wicksburg, Brantley and Florida, as well as girls teams from Dothan, Bufala, Charles Henderson, Ashford, Calhoun, Samson, Goshen, Geneva County, Brantley and Pleasant Home. The tournament will run all week, and if you are a real high school basketball fan you need to head up and watch some of the action. It should be lots of fun.

\*\*\* Registration is underway for boys and girls in Elba, and it looks like it will be another busy season of ball for the youth taking part in both baseball and softball. The leagues in both sports are for boys and girls ages 4-18, and games are played four nights a week at Legion Field and Hawkins-Williams park, in addition to several other parks in Kinston, Brantley, Zion Chapel, Brantley, and Samson. The road games do create some problems for the youngsters that have to get up and go to school the next day, but the experience of playing on different fields against out-of-town teams helps the youngsters gain valuable experience as their skills progress.

\*\*\* The youth basketball season will wind down this weekend with district tournaments, and for the first time in years Elba will send only two teams to tournament play. The formation of youth leagues sponsored by area churches took some children out of the rec leagues, while others simply chose not to participate on the all-star teams. Oh well, the two teams that will compete have been working hard and I am sure they will represent the league well and bring home some trophies.

\*\*\* In closing... if you haven't been by the high school baseball and softball fields in recent weeks you should drive by and see all the work that has been going on. At the baseball field the dugouts have been repainted and reworked, a covered batting cage has been constructed, and crushed brick has taken the place of the Alabama red clay that served as the infield. The newest piece of equipment was erected last week when officials from Coca Cola put up a new scoreboard that includes the score by innings, just like major league boards. At the softball field, the crushed brick covers the infield, a covered batting cage has been built behind the outfield fence, and the scoreboard has been moved in. Come by and see for yourself, you may be surprised.

### To continue through March 2

## Youth baseball and softball registration now underway in Elba for ages 4-18

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration for boys baseball and girls softball will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and continue through Friday, March 2.

All registrants will be placed in leagues based on their age, with the age being determined by ones age on May 1, 2007. Registration fees are \$25 per person, with a \$60 maximum for families with more than two registrants. Practices are scheduled to begin in early March, with the regular season set to start April 2.

Registration forms will be passed out to all students in the Elba City School system on Feb. 20, and will also be available at the Recreation Center and at City Hall. For more information call the Recreation Office at 897-6833.

Baseball leagues will include the following:

\*\*\* Tee-Ball - for boys and girls ages 4-6. This league is co-ed, and players hit a safety ball off a tee and no score is kept. All members of the teams bat in each inning and play on defense. All games consist of three innings, or a one-hour time limit.

\*\*\* Coach Pitch - for boys ages 7-8. In this league the coach of a team pitches to his batters from a distance of 40 feet, with the league being split into two mini-sessions. In the first session all batters will get the chance to hit in every inning, while in the second session a team will bat until its opponent can record three outs. All players will play on defense in both sessions. Score is kept and games have a time limit of 75 minutes.

\*\*\* Dixie Minors - for boys ages 9-10. In this league the players are introduced to the game of baseball, with 10 players per team. There is no time limit for the game, and only nine players being allowed on defense. All batters are included in the line-up to insure all players get the chance to bat, and games have a time limit of 90 minutes.

\*\*\* Dixie Majors - for boys ages 11-12. This league continues the learning process of the game for young players and is played on a scaled down field, with pitchers pitching from a distance of 35 feet. All batters are included in the line-up, while 10 players are allowed on defense. Games have a time limit of 90 minutes, and teams will play against teams from Kinston, New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Brantley and Samson. An All-Star team will be selected upon the completion of the season for tournament play.

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\*\*\* Dixie Boys - for boys ages 13-14. This league continues the learning process of the sport of baseball and is played on a field scaled down to better aid in the development of the players. All batters are included in the line-up to insure all players get the opportunity to bat, while nine players play defense.

Games have a time limit of 105 minutes and teams will compete against teams from Kinston, New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Brantley and Samson. Two All-Star teams will be selected for tournament play.

\*\*\* Dixie Pre Majors - for boys ages 15-16. This league plays the sport of baseball on a regulation sized field and includes games against teams from the across the Wiregrass area. There is no time limit for games. This league will begin its season after the completion of the high school season.

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## ELBA TIGERS

### 2007 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Site
Feb. 26	Zion Chapel (DH)	4:00	Home
Feb. 27	Samson (DH)	4:00	Away
March 1	Kinston (DH)	4:00	Away
March 6	Brantley	3:00	Home
March 9	Zion Chapel (DH)	4:00	Away
March 13	Ariton (DH)	4:00	Away
March 15	Kinston	4:00	Home
March 17	Geneva Co. (DH)	12:00	Home
March 19	Samson (DH)	1:00	Home
March 22	Ariton (DH)	4:30	Home
March 24	Geneva Co. (DH)	12:00	Away
March 26	Brantley (DH)	3:30	Away
March 27	New Brockton (DH)	5:00	Away
April 3	Pike County	4:00	Home
April 6	Straughn	4:00	Away
April 10	Pike County	4:00	Away
April 13	Straughn	5:00	Home
April 17	New Brockton (DH)	4:00	Home
April 20	Luverne (DH)	12:00	Away

## ELBA LADY TIGERS

### 2007 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Site
Feb. 26	Zion Chapel (DH)	4:00	Home
Feb. 27	Samson (DH)	4:00	Away
March 1	Kinston (DH)	4:00	Away
March 2-3	Wicksburg Tournament	4:30 (JV-V)	Away
March 6	Wicksburg	4:30 (JV-V)	Elba
March 8	Opp	4:30 (JV-V)	Away
March 10	Luverne Tournament	(JV)	
March 13	Ariton	4:00 (JV-V)	Elba
March 15	Geneva Co.	4:00 (JV-V)	Away
March 16	Luverne	4:00 (JV-V)	Away
March 20	Straughn	4:00 (JV-V)	Elba
March 22	Wicksburg	4:30 (JV-V)	Away
March 23-24	Samson Tournament	(V)	
March 27	Samson	4:00 (V)	Away
April 3	Samson	4:00 (V)	Elba
April 5	Straughn	5:00 (V)	Away
April 10	Opp	4:30 (V)	Elba
April 12	Kinston	4:00 (V)	Away
April 19	Geneva Co.	4:30 (V)	Elba
April 26	Ariton	4:30 (V)	Away
April 28	Elba Tournament	(V)	
April 30	Kinston	4:00 (V)	Elba

## ELBA TIGER JV

### 2007 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Site
Feb. 22	Brantley Tournament	TBA	Brantley
Feb. 23	Brantley Tournament	TBA	Brantley
Feb. 27	Zion Chapel (DH)	4:00	Away
March 2	Ariton Tournament	TBA	Ariton
March 3	Ariton Tournament	TBA	Ariton
March 5	Straughn (DH)	4:00	Home
March 6	Brantley	5:30	Home
March 9	Ariton (DH)	4:30	Home
March 13	Straughn (DH)	4:00	Away
March 15	Kinston	5:30	Home
March 16	Ariton (DH)	5:30	Home
March 19	New Brockton (DH)	4:00	Away
March 26	Samson (DH)	4:00	Field
March 29	Samson (DH)	4:00	Home

## Elba All-Stars are set for ARPA District Basketball Tournaments

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will send two All-Star teams to District Basketball Tournaments this weekend. The team rosters are as follows:

### BOYS "A" AND "B" ALL-STARS

J. Cole Spicer, Isaiah Kyles, Austin Watkins, Dontavious Williams, Markoem Whitfield, Juandaris Reed, Cavossea's Stinson, Jahari Brown, Monta

## Funds needed for new lockers

The Elba Tigers are in need of new lockers for the varsity football locker room, and all Elba Tiger fans are encouraged to make a cash donation to help the team reach its goal.

"We are in desperate need of new football lockers," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "Our current lockers are metal and in really bad condition. We are looking to build wooden lockers with flip up seats. These lockers will cost \$100 each to build, and we are asking for money from students, parents, grandparents, boosters, and anyone else that is interested to help us."

King, Quan Jordan, Marquez Whitfield  
Coach: Terry Spicer

### BOYS "A" AND "B" ALL-STARS

Chance Johnson, Caleb Martin, Rabeen Newton, Griffin Martin, Cobe Goosby, Nick Green, Denzell Thomas, Reid Green, Logan Bailey, Kysen Edwards, John Gray, Thomas Danley  
Coach: Paula Goosby

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# SPORTS

## Claim area and sub-region titles

## Brantley Bulldogs roll into regionals

The Brantley Bulldogs posted wins over Florida and Kinston last week to improve their record to 21-6 and in doing so punched their ticket into this week's South Regional Basketball Tournament, set for Troy University.

### Brantley 62 Florida 59

The Brantley Bulldogs hosted the Florida Wildcats last Monday night for the championship of the Class 1A, Area 3 tournament and held off a late Wildcat surge to escape with a wild 62-59 win. Brantley was in complete command in the first half and owned a lopsided 44-20 lead at halftime, but saw Florida rally in the final two quarters and couldn't celebrate the win until a last-second three-pointer by the Wildcats rolled off the

rim. Kevin Pitts scored 21 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked 4 shots to lead Brantley, while Jeffery Daniels added 18 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Michael Carson led (11-16) Florida with 23 points and Reggie Gundrum added 13.

### Brantley 59 Kinston 45

The Brantley Bulldogs hosted the Kinston Bulldogs Friday night in sub-region action and made it look easy as they rolled to a lopsided 59-45 win. Kevin Pitts scored 21 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Wesley Person added 17, Terrell Bell 16, Thad Frazier and Terry McClain 12, and Jeffery Daniels 11. Kinston closed the season with a 6-21 record.

## SOUTH REGIONAL ROUND-UP

Following are games of local interest scheduled for this week at the South Regional High School Basketball Tournament, to be played at Troy University:

### Wednesday, Feb. 21

Class 1A Girls Semifinals  
9:00 - Pleasant Home (18-6) vs. McIntosh (22-0)  
12:00 - Brantley (17-9) vs. J.F. Shields (24-2)  
Class 1A Boys Semifinals  
10:30 - Brantley (21-6) vs. McIntosh (18-3)  
1:30 - Florida (12-16) vs. J.F. Shields (27-3)  
Class 4A Girls  
3:00 - Ashford (25-3) vs. Thomasville (20-3)  
6:00 - Escambia Co. (26-6) vs. Dadeville (23-7)  
Class 4A Boys  
4:30 - Andalusia (17-8) vs. Handley (12-13)  
7:30 - T.R. Miller (17-6) vs. Coosa Central (14-11)

### Thursday, Feb. 22

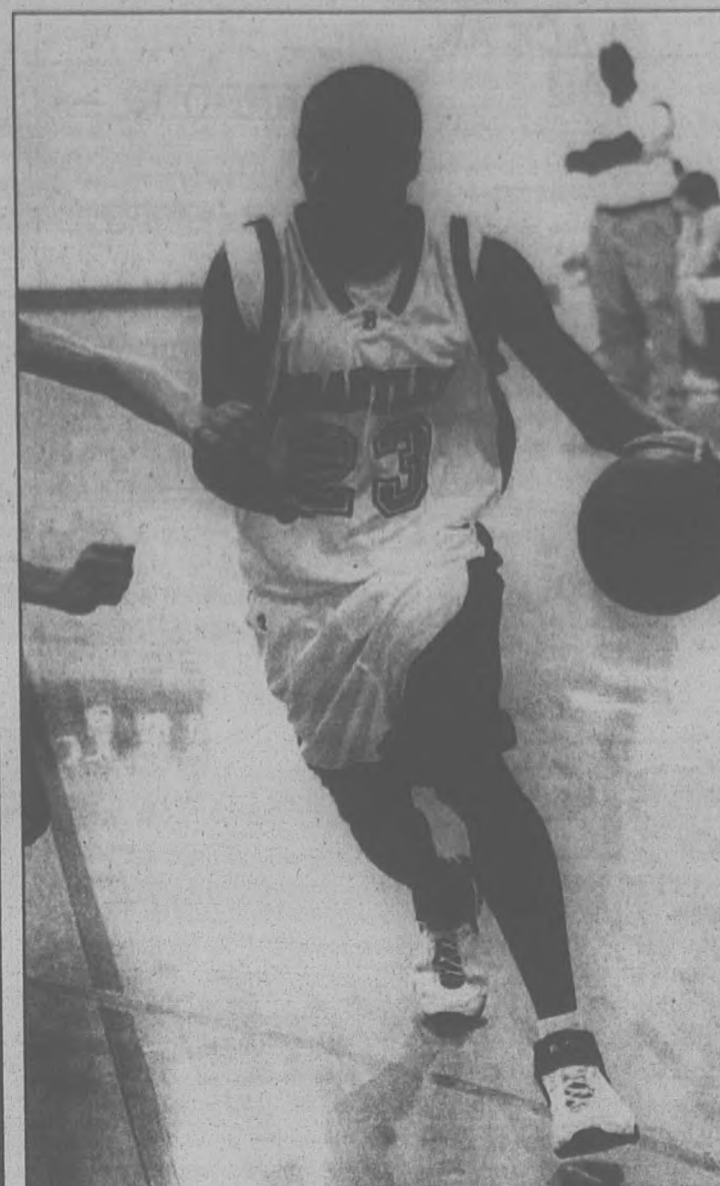
Class 3A Girls  
9:00 - Washington Co. (18-3) vs. Clay Co. (23-1)  
12:00 - Calhoun (20-6) vs. LaFayette (18-4)  
Class 3A Boys  
10:30 - Clarke Co. (23-4) vs. Abbeville (24-6)  
1:30 - Calhoun (21-6) vs. Geneva (20-8)

### Friday, Feb. 23

Class 4A Girls  
9:00 - Championship Game  
Class 4A Boys  
10:40 - Championship Game  
Class 5A Girls  
12:30 - Championship Game  
Class 5A Boys  
2:00 - Championship Game  
Class 2A Girls  
3:40 - Championship Game  
Class 2A Boys  
5:20 - Championship Game  
Class 1A Girls  
7:00 - Championship Game  
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Saturday, Feb. 24  
Class 4A Girls  
9:00 - Championship Game  
Class 4A Boys  
10:40 - Championship Game  
Class 3A Girls  
12:20 - Championship Game  
Class 3A Boys  
2:00 - Championship Game



Brantley Bulldog Kevin Pitts (23) dribbles upcourt in action last week in sub-region play. Pitts scored 21 points in the area finals and sub-region finals to lead Brantley to Troy.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

## Kinston Lady Bulldogs fall to Pleasant Home Lady Eagles in Class 1A sub-region finals

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw their season come to an end Thursday night with a 51-34 loss to the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles, at Pleasant Home. The Lady Bulldogs trailed only 16-9 after the opening stanza, but scored only two points in the second quarter to fall behind 28-11 at the half, and saw a late charge fall short as they closed the season with a 12-15 record. Christie Whigham

scored 11 points to lead Kinston, while Heather Marlowe added 9 and Kaleigh Sanders scored 8. Erin Byrd led (18-6) Pleasant Home with 18 points.

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## Kinston falls in finals

The Kinston Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs both advanced to the championship game last week in the Class 1A, Area 4 Basketball Tournament, in Dothan, but fell short of taking home the area title as they both suffered losses to Providence Christian.

### Girls

Providence Ch. 60 Kinston 52  
The Kinston Lady Bulldogs met the 8th ranked Providence Christian Lady Eagles in the finals of the area tournament and battled the highly-favored Lady Eagles until the final buzzer before falling 60-52. Kinston surprised Providence in the game's opening two quarters and trailed only 24-22 at the half, but saw the Lady Eagles use a 10-2 run midway through the third quarter to open up a 36-26 advantage. The Lady Bulldogs trailed 40-32 heading into the final stanza, but pulled within 44-39 midway through the stanza on a three-pointer by Christie Whigham and were still within five points at 46-41 with only 1:21 left on the clock. Kinston could get no closer. Christie Whigham scored 13 points and Kaleigh Sanders added 9 to lead Kinston.

### Boys

Providence Ch. 66 Kinston 43  
The Kinston Bulldogs saw their hopes of taking home an area title end in the championship game as they fell to the Providence Christian Eagles 66-43. The Bulldogs held their own with the Eagles throughout the opening two quarters, only to see an 11-3 Eagle run early in the third quarter enable Providence to stretch its lead to double digits and the Eagles



Brantley Lady Bulldog Elisa Person (5) drives past a defender in area tournament action against Pleasant Home. The Lady Bulldogs will compete this week at the South Regional, at Troy University.

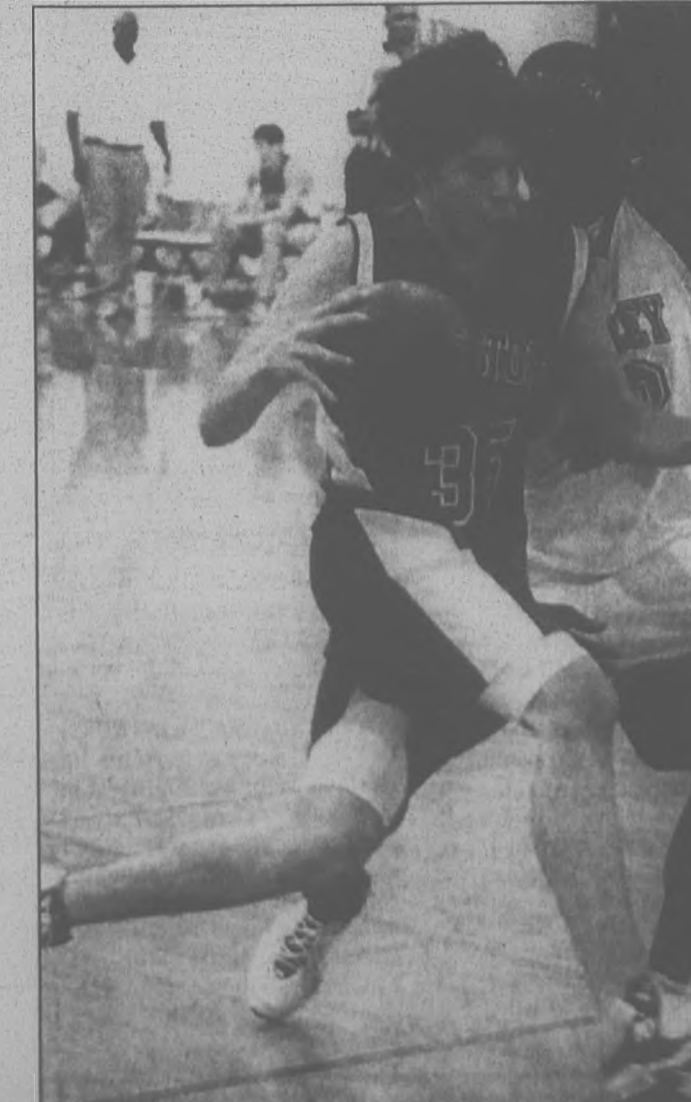
(Photo by Mike Capps)

## Brantley Lady Bulldogs upset Providence Christian to earn berth at South Regionals

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs took charge in the second half Thursday night to upset the 8th ranked Providence Christian Lady Eagles 61-51. In Dothan, to carry the sub-region title back home to Brantley and punch the Lady Bulldogs' ticket into this week's South Regional, at Troy University.

Brantley came out ready to play and stunned the Lady Eagles by jumping out to an early 15-2 lead. Providence settled down late in the opening quarter and cut the Lady Bulldog's lead to 20-12 by the end of the stanza, then opened the second quarter with a 16-0 run to pull ahead 28-20. Brantley's Jessica Daniels scored the final five points of the half after a seven-minute scoring drought, and at intermission the Lady Bulldogs were back in the game, trailing only 28-25.

Brantley switched its defense



Kinston's A.J. Johnson (35) drives past a Brantley defender in sub-region action last week. The Bulldogs reached the finals in both the area tournament and the sub-region, but lost both games as they ended the season with a 6-21 record.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

## Altura Club to host toumney Feb. 24 at Jack

Altura International Inc. of Jack, Ala., will sponsor a basketball tournament Saturday, Feb. 24, at Zion Chapel High School beginning at 9 a.m. The games will be 5 on 5 Full Court games with standard game rules. Each game will be two 10-minute halves with a timed 5-minute rest period.











# COMMUNITY NEWS

## SAEC visits Zion Chapel Community Learning Center

by Matt Williams

On January 17, the students in the ZCCLC extended day program participated in an electric demonstration. Presented by Southeast Alabama Electric Cooperative, this program educated all students in grades K-8 about the importance of electricity. Chelle Phillips, Shawn Woodham, and Cory Ellis were the guest speakers. Chelle Phillips began by showing how electricity is generated. Students chosen by Ms. Phillips took on the role of generators, transformers, and other equipment, performing the movements needed to produce electricity. Shawn Woodham followed



Shawn Woodham demonstrates power outages.

with an interesting demonstration on the dangers of electricity. Mr. Woodham used an interactive model to show the students the correct and incorrect ways to handle situations involving electricity. In one scenario a tree tangled in power lines had fallen on a car. Students learned to stay in the vehicle

until help arrived. The children really enjoyed seeing how electricity affected common objects. Following the demonstration, students were given athletic bracelets from Touchstone Energy.

## GREEK

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attending the 17th Annual Alabama Transition Conference (March 12-14) in Opelika, Ala. He also will make a presentation at the conference as he will introduce a speaker.

"I want Jamie to continue to push himself," said Howard. Greek said he intends to do just that.

He already has made a transition of another kind. He has an apartment near his college campus.

His grandmother, Louise Bozeman, said it has been a good transition. With her help and help from other family members, she said her grandson is managing just fine.

"Grandmother's realizing, Jamie's got to learn to do things himself," Bozeman said.

As for Greek, he's enjoying life, loving college and making new friends everywhere he goes. Just as Howard said, "he's a success story."

## Something Better

by Linda M. Hodge

### Chapter Three

The closer Kyle got to Cedar Oaks, the tighter the knot in his stomach seemed to get. He couldn't decide if it was because he was nervous or excited. Maybe it was a combination of both. He never had given much thought to what it would feel like to return home again.

His long journey finally reached Cedar Oaks. On the surface, the place seemingly hadn't changed that much, but to Kyle, it appeared different. His memory obviously had failed him because everything looked better than he remembered. Even the old buildings and cracked sidewalks were more appealing than he recalled.

"Home, sweet home," Kyle muttered to himself as he turned into the driveway of the Mason estate.

Kevin and Anna now lived on the family farm. It had been in the Mason family since the boys' great great grandparents moved to Cedar Oaks. Kyle fondly remembered his dad often telling him the story of how his great great grandfather just happened to stumble upon Cedar Oaks one day. He decided the place was exactly what he had been searching for. That's the day the Mason family became a permanent fixture in Cedar Oaks.

"Welcome home, little brother," Kyle heard his brother's voice just as he opened the car door.

"It's good to be home."

Kyle was surprised to hear himself actually say those words. When he left, Kyle was convinced he would never again be glad to be "home" in Cedar Oaks. He was wrong.

This was a special moment for the Mason brothers. They shook hands before hugging briefly.

"Uncle Kyle's here," a small yet excited voice yelled as the front door flew open. "Uncle Kyle. It's me."

"Hey, pal. How's my buddy?" Kyle said as his nephew jumped into his arms.

"I'm good. Wanna come see my room? I've got lots of stuff for us to play with."

"Slow down, son. Give Uncle Kyle a second. He just got here. I promise. You'll have plenty of time to play later."

Jake was only three when Kyle left Cedar Oaks, but the two already had a special connection. Even after Kyle left, Jake continued to idolize his uncle. It didn't matter to him that Kyle was gone. Kevin, Anna and Jake visited Kyle a few times since he left, and the bond between uncle and nephew grew even stronger. "Give me a minute, J. I want to get my stuff

inside and say hello to your mom. Then, I'm all yours pal."

"He's been really excited ever since we told him you were coming. We had to bribe him last night just to get him to go to sleep. He couldn't wait to see you."

"I was a little excited myself," Kyle admitted to his brother. "Where's Anna?"

"She's inside with Sidney."

"Sidney?"

"You remember Sidney Thompson. Don't you?"

"Of course. How is Sid?"

"Come on inside. You can ask her yourself."

Kevin helped Kyle grab his luggage, and they headed inside the house where they found the two ladies engrossed in what appeared to be a very interesting conversation. In fact, they were so involved in the "girl talk" that they didn't notice Kevin and Kyle enter the room. This worked perfectly for Kyle. It allowed him to sneak in behind his sister-in-law and give her a scare. He had always loved doing that, and Anna was a perfect target.

Kyle slowly crept behind Anna. He leaned in. His faces inches away from the back of her neck. Sidney caught a glimpse of him, but it was too late to say anything.

"Hey, sis!"

Without thought, Anna jumped and belt out a faint scream. She recovered quickly and immediately spun around to apply a nice slap across the shoulder of her brother-in-law.

"Five years!" she said. "Five years I've gone without you sneaking around and scaring the daylight out of me. I can't believe that's the first thing you do!"

"I just wanted to see if I could still do it," Kyle said jokingly as the two hugged.

"Well, you can. Now, don't do it again," Anna insisted. "I was just telling Sidney that you should be here any time now. Kevin. Did you tell Kyle that Sidney is also going to be staying with us for a little while."

"I didn't have a chance."

"No problem," Kyle said as he turned to Sidney. "Hey, Sid. It's been a long time."

"Hello, Kyle. Nice to see you again."

"Uncle Kyle, are you finished yet," Jake called out from his room. "It's taking you forever."

"I'm on my way, J."

### Next Week: Chapter Four

Procrastination

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## Elba's Curves just turned 1

It's great to be at Curves! We've been Curvin' for one year in Elba now and its time to take a look at our first year. Our Curvin' Ladies deserve to pat themselves on the back for their success. Not all our Ladies participate in the monthly weigh & measure (like they should) but those that do are now entered to win a monthly prize. The ladies at Elba's Curves who weigh & measure lost 1,881 inches in 2006 and enough pounds to equal one adult... Bye, Bye Fat Pants!!

To kick off and celebrate opening in 2006, Elba's Curves gave away over \$4,000 in clothing and prizes. We had an "open market" with our Curves Cash and two auctions. We had a team competition this past summer then started playing Buzzword.

We have a Greatest Loser competition, each month the winner gets to choose a Curves shirt. The top 5 are given recognition in the club and the top 10 results are posted. Our winners for 2006 were: Carla Seale (twice), Who will be in this year's winner's list? After the food drive we will be expanding our hours, so there will be more times to work on being the Greatest Loser. Having fun and staying positive is the focus while you are at Elba's Curves. If you need an extra boost of positive, just speak to FabReka, Shonda or Margie and you'll be smiling soon.

Our annual Curves Food Drive will be returning March 1 - 10th, 2007. During this time, anyone may bring a full bag of non-perishable groceries to Curves and have their sign-up fee waived. All the food is donated locally to those in need through charity. In 2006, our Curves donated 540 pounds of groceries. During the Food Drive, Elba's Curves is so busy that sign-ups must be done by appointment, so call early to book your time to come & join. This is a once a year opportunity to join at this low cost, so there's no reason not to come have fun with us. You'll be Curvin' and smiling too from the 30 minutes of fun.

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